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Please add the following new claims:

- 14. (New) The nucleic acid of claim 2 comprising an open reading frame encoding a protein comprising a component sequence of at least 200 amino acids length in length being at least 85% identical to an aligned component of SEQ ID NO: 10.
- 15. (New) The nucleic acid of claim 3 comprising an open reading frame encoding a protein comprising a component sequence of at least 200 amino acids in length being at least 85% identical to an aligned component of SEQ ID NO: 10.
- 16. (New) The nucleic acid of claim 4 comprising an open reading frame encoding a protein comprising a component sequence of at least 200 amino acids in length being at least 85% identical to an aligned component of SEQ ID NO: 10.

REMARKS

Claim 5 has been amended and new claims 14-16 have been added to eliminate multiple dependency and to ensure that they are in compliance with the rules of U.S. practice. No new matter has been added.

If in the opinion of the Examiner, a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of the subject application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney.

The Commissioner has been authorized to charge the fees associated with the filing of the application that this amendment accompanies and associated papers to Applicant's credit card. If there are any additional fees required, authorization is hereby provided to

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charge such fees to Applicant's Deposit Account No. 50-1744 (in the name of Syngenta Biotechnology, Inc.).

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